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GUATEMALA CITY: FOR AMBASSADOR FOR DUEMLING

1. DEPARTMENT MAYWISH TO CONSIDER PREPARATION OF
BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON FOLLOWING PROMINENT NORWEGIANS
WHOM DEPUTY SECRETARY AND PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET
DURING VISIT TO NORWAY:

H.M. KING OLAV

PRIME MINISTER TRYGVE BRATTELI

FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND

DEFENSE MINISTER ALF FOSTERVOLL

INDUSTRY MINISTER INGVALD ULVERSETH

FINANCE MINISTER PER KLEPPE

STATOIL CHAIRMAN FIN LIED

LABOR STORTING LEADER (AND NEXT PRIME MINISTER) ODVAR NORDLI

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOR OFTEDAL

LAW OF SEA MINISTER JENS EVENSEN

STATE SECRETARY AND MRS. THORVALD STOLTENBERG

2. EMBASSY WILL INFORMDEPT. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL BIO NEEDS WHEN
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NORWEGIANS GIVE FINAL PROGRAM. SINCE DEPUTY SECRETARY IS LIKELY

TO MEET MOST IF NOT ALL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS LISTED BELOW
UNDER 10:00 O'CLOCK MEETING AT MINISTRY ON SEPT. 8, HE SHOULD ALSO
RECEIVE BIO REPORTS ON THEM.

3. SCHEDULE.

NORWEGIANS WILL NOT PROBABLY HAVE FIRM SCHEDULE UNTIL NEXT WEEK
FOLLOWING NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS AND NORWEGIAN COMS MEETINGS WHICH
FRYDENLUND IS SUCCESSIVELY CHAIRING. FORMIN IS PRESENTLY OUT OF
TOWN IN CONNECTION WITH MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THERE MAY STILL
BE SOME SMALL MODIFICATIONS, THEREFORE, IN LATEST PROGRAM PROVIDED
BY FORMIN OFFICIAL EDWARDSSEN.

SUNDAY SEPT : ARRIVE OSLO 2155 BY TRAIN FROM MYRDAHL. (IDEA OF
VISITING FORMIN AT HIS MOUNTAIN HOME HAS HAD TO BE
SCRATCHED).
DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS. INGERSOLL WILL STAY AT
RESIDENCE. OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY AT THE NEW SAS
HOTEL.

MONDAY SEPT 8: 9:00 MEET WITH FONMIN
9:30 FORMIN ACCOMPANIES DEPUTY SECRETARY TO MEET
PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI
10:00 POLITICAL TALKS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
(COMMENT: NORWEGIAN SIDE PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON
THESE TALKS AND THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH TYEY PROVIDE
TO BRIEF A TOP U.S. OFFICIAL ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS
OF NORWEGIAN POLICY. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL
HAVE A NUMBER OF HIS KEY AIDES WITH HIM DURING
POLITICAL TALKS AND WORKING LUNCHEON (E.G., SECRETARY
GENERAL GJELLUM, UNDER SECRETARY ARNE ARNESON,
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE (FOR-
MIN'S RIGHT ARM), DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS BUE BRUN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS
KJELL ELIASSEN, POLAR ADVISER OLAV BUCHER-JOHANNESSEN.

)

IT IS ALSO PLANNED THAT E.G. FINANCE MIN KLEPPE,
STATOIL CHAIRMAN FINN LIED AND LAW OF THE SEA
MINISTER JENS EVENSEN WILL MAKE CONCISE PRESENTATIONS
ON THE NORWEGIAN DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR AREAS OF
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COMPETENCE.)

12:00-

14:00 FRYDENLUND WILL GIVE WORKING LUNCHEON AT THE
MINISTRY'S GUEST HOUSE. MANY OF THE ABOVE
OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE.

14:00-

16:00 CONTINUATION OF POLITICAL TALKS IN THE MINISTRY (COMMENT: WE PLAN TO TRY TO EXTEND MORNING SESSION TO 13:00 TO FREE SCHEDULE AFTER 15:00).

20:00 BLACK TIE DINNER GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR BYRNE

TUESDAY SEPT 9: TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS HAS NOT BEEN SET BUT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS ARE PLANNED BEGINNING AT 09:00:

- FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE (EVEN IF HE MADE PRESENTATION AT FORMINISTRY THE PREVIOUS DAY),

- DEFENSE MINISTER

- MEETING IN STORTING WITH SELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (COMMENT: SINCE STORTING IS NOT IN SESSION AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ARE UNDERWAY, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ORGANIZE MEETING OF FULL FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UNDER ITS CHAIRMAN, TOR OFTEDAL. FOREIGN MINISTRY SEES THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY, HOWEVER, FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY TO BRIEF KEY MEMBERS OF THE STORTING ON CURRENT AMERICAN POLICY).

- AUDIENCE WITH KING OLAV. WHILE H.M. NORMALLY DOES NOT RECEIVE WIVES ALONG WITH THEIR HUSBANDS, FOREIGN MINISTRY IS QUITE PREPARED TO MAKE A SPECIAL REQUEST IF THIS IS DEPUTY SECRETARY'S WISH.

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AFTERNOON FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING IN OSLO

20:00 DINNER HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND

4. MRS. INGERSOLL'S PROGRAM: WE PLAN TWO-HOUR TRIP THROUGH ATTRACTIVE COUNTRYSIDE TO HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES AT ARTISTS CENTER IN FREDRIKSTAD ON MONDAY, SEPT. 8, ALLOWING DEPUTY SECRETARY OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN MRS. INGERSOLL AFTERNOON OF SEPT 9 FOR TOUR OF OSLO (VIKING SHIPS, FOLK MUSEUM, ETC.).

5. MEDIA COVERED. IF DEPUTY SECRETARY HAS NO OBJECTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE TV INTERVIEW FIRST TO WHET INTEREST IN VISIT,

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FOLLOWED BY PRESS CONFERENCE NEXT DAY. TIMING WILL DEPEND ON FINAL SCHEDULE. GIVEN TIGHTNESS OF SCHEDULE AS IT PRESENTLY STANDS, WE WOULD PREFER TO ARRANGE TV INTERVIEW ON SEPT 9 AND PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE PARTY DEPARTS ON SEPT 10. IF DEPUTY SECRETARY TAKES 9:30 PLANE SK 932 ARRIVING STOCKHOLM AT 10:25, WE COULD ARRANGE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE AT 8:30. IF DEPUTY SECRETARY CAN WAIT TO TAKE FINNAIR AY 794, LEAVING 12:15 AND ARRIVING 13:10, LATER MORNING CONFERENCE WOULD MORE LIKELY BRING OUT FOREIGN EDITORS RATHER THAN JOURNALIST ON DUTY. WHOEVER APPEARS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE, DEPUTY SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FOCUS ON SOME CURRENT ISSUE WHERE WE WISH TO MAKE CERTAIN POINTS AND DO MOST OF TALKING, SINCE NORWEGIAN PRESS IS NOTORIOUSLY RETICENT ABOUT ASKING QUESTIONS.

6. THEMES. WE HAVE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR MAIN THEMES OF "THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL" (TAKK FOR MATEN) REMARKS, DELIVERED WHEN EVERYONE HAS FINISHED THEIR DESSERT. FORMULA FOR THIS OCCASION INVOLVES SOME HUMOROUS STORY FOLLOWED BY SERIOUS REMARKS, CONCLUDING WITH COMMENT ON EXCELLENCE OF FOOD AND COMPANY. WE SUGGEST THEMES OF THREE MEALS MIGHT BE AS FOLLOWS: A) FOR WORKING LUNCHEON: 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORWEGIAN EMIGRATION AND STRONG HISTORICAL BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES; B) FOR AMBASSADOR'S DINNER: US-NORWEGIAN COOPERATION IN NATO AND STRENGTH OF US COMMITMENT TO NATO; AND C) FOR FONMIN'S DINNER: THEME OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND HOW US-NORWEGIAN RELATIONS ARE GOOD EXAMPLE OF INTERDEPENDENCE IN PRACTICE.

7. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE NOT APPARENTLY EXPECTING MAJOR EXPOSITION OF U.S. POSITION IN THEIR MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY

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ASIDE FROM USUAL INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OF COURTESY. INSTEAD THEY
HOPE FOR OPPORTUNITH TO DISCUSS MUTUAL POSITIONS AND EXPLAIN NOR-
WAY AND ITS POLICIES. FRYDENLUND HAS REITERATED INTEREST, HOWEVER,
IN DISCUSSING ARCTIC ISSUES. IF OUR OWN THINKING ON SUBJECT HAS
NOT ADVANCED SUFFICIENTLY TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION,
DEPUTY SECRETARY MAY WISH USE OCCASION TO ASK FRYDENLUND WHAT HE
HAS IN MIND IN WAY OF ARCTIC TALKS. FOREIGN MINISTRY SEES MEET-
ING WITH STORTING MEMBERS AS OCCASION FOR MORE FORMAL, DEVELOPED
EXPOSITION OF U.S. POLICY.

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